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Council to Keep Its Options Open On School Issue; White Dissents

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson

At its January 9 regular meeting, on the eve of the Board of Education hearing on Center School, the Greenbelt City Council received a report by City Manager James K. Giese on the effect on the city if Center is abandoned as a school. The report was prepared as a result of the school board's proposal to replace Center with a new school on the North End site.

Much of the report concerned whether the city could afford to exchange Center for the North End School. Giese suggested that the city could move its offices into Center and rent out the municipal building. Councilmember Antoinette M. Bram asked whether the city would get revenue from this. Giese said that it could, but that the city might have to renovate the municipal building. Giese said that the city could not presently afford either Center or North End, and that council and the citizens must decide what to do.

However, Councilmember Thomas X. White argued: "You cannot equate the burden of Center School under the ownership of the city with North End Center." While tearing down North End would always be an option, White said, the city could never contemplate razing the historic Center School, no matter how financially cumbersome the building might prove.

Several councilmembers expressed their surprise that White, an outspoken supporter of the North End Center, would consider razing the building. However, Giese later pointed out that he had made the same point in his report, and that he does advocate tearing down part of North End.

Ruth Kastner said that, while she's sentimentally attached to North End, it "isn't as fundamental in terms of historical importance" as Center. Kastner shared White's worries, saying that it might be necessary in the future to demolish whichever building the city owns.

Open-Mindedness

White also disagreed with other members of council over what role council ought to take. White said he would not change his position that Center ought to remain a school. He was adhering, he explained, to the council's own position on the matter and cited several instances in which he felt council had gone on record as recommending renovating Center as a school. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, however, argued that council had not yet taken an official position on the matter.

Bram told White, "It behooves all of us to go into this with an open mind," and others appeared to agree. Councilmember Edward Putens said that he supported

renovation of Center as a school, but that he was keeping an open mind, while Weidenfeld said, "I'm going to be tuned in to how the community feels." Mayor pro tem Joseph C. Isaacs also did not take a position.

White criticized this manner of dealing with the issue. Suppose, he said, community sentiment is against Center as a school; the city still may not be able to afford Center.

Ann Pisano agreed, saying, "If we can't afford to renovate Center School and we do trade for North End, then we'd become stuck with a white elephant..."

White contended that the city had the ability to force the school board to abandon its idea of using the North End site. "It's within the power of this council to put an end to the consideration of North End," White said, "and I just wish that it would." White's remark was met by applause from the audience.

Role of the Survey

Councilmembers mentioned other concerns. Bram felt that the locations of North End and Center ought not to be vital matters in making a decision, as many Greenbelt children are bused to Landover. White wished that the school board had given council more information. Isaacs brought up the subject of the senior citizen co-op housing complex which might be built at North End, saying, "I'm not sure a new school at North End would permit this."

However, Cynthia Dial felt council's long discussion was premature. Dial, who had come to the meeting after watching council's proceedings on the city cable channel, reminded council that the school board had not yet distributed its survey, and said, "What the community wants is what we should do."

Dial herself, however, believes that Center School "is not a bright, cheerful environment for children," and accused council of engaging in "a political move: 'Keep Greenbelt renovated at all costs.'"

Dial urged council to "force these issues" on the school board and warned council that "You're going to be here all night, and some people are going to be too tired to go to (the hearing) tomorrow."

City Expenses

Council authorized the negotiated purchase of heating equipment and asbestos removal services for the Youth Center from two companies which had done work for the city in the past. Giese asked for suspension of the rules to allow for an immediate passage of the resolution, as the furnace in the Youth Center was in imminent danger of failing.

Council also authorized staff to apply for matching funds from the state's Community Arts Development Centering-In Challenge Grant Program. The \$25,-

000 grant to be used to rehabilitate one room at the North End Center would require the city to put up \$25,000 in matching funds. Staff doubts that the city will get the grant—only one application from the county will be submitted by the Prince Georges Arts Council—while the status of North End remains uncertain. However, the funds will not be available again until fiscal year 1990 at the earliest.

Police Chief James Craze asked council to approve the purchase of an out-of-service ambulance from the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Craze said the police would use the ambulance for a variety of purposes: as a mobile crime lab, for transport of evidence and property, and "to get our 'clientele' back" from drug raids, as Craze put it. Council approved.

Offices

Council reluctantly removed Don Volk from the Advisory Planning Board (APB), because he has not yet filed a financial disclosure statement, due last April 30. Staff indicated that Volk had been contacted orally several times during the summer and had been given 30 days' notice by letters in September and November.

Council was disinclined to pass the measure, as it meant disclosing the name of the APB member who had not yet filed. However, it determined that if it made an exception for this case, it would have to do so for future cases. Council gave Volk 15 days upon receipt of the charges to either file his statement or to request a public or private hearing.

In addition, council thanked John Churchill for his work on the APB. He has resigned.

Recommendations

Pedestrian safety was once again addressed by council. This time the subject was the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road. White had three concerns: lights change too quickly to allow pedestrians to cross the entire road, the median strip is in poor condition and has no break to allow strollers onto the pavement, and cars come down the hill at high speeds. Council voted to alert the State Highway Administration to their concerns.

Coakley & Williams acquired from the National Park Service a half-acre piece of property next to the Maryland Trade Center Park and the Holiday Inn, in exchange for land elsewhere in the county. Exchanges of this sort, unlike land sales, do not require reviews from other bodies. Council therefore moved to request its congressmen and senators "to seek legislation to require land exchanges of this nature to be subject to review by the Washington Metropolitan Clearinghouse and by the National Capital Planning Commission."

Council Reviews Site Plan For Second Marriott Hotel

by Mavis Fletcher

At its regular meeting on December 19, the Greenbelt City Council considered the site and landscape plan of a proposed courtyard by Marriott which will be built on the corner of Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road.

According to Michele LaRocca of Meyers, Billingsley & Shipley, who presented the plan, the lodging facility will be a four-story building built around a courtyard. It will have 152 rooms and a dining room primarily for guests although it will be open to the public. The facility will be aimed at the business customer who is looking for lodging in a medium price range (about \$70 per night).

Discussion centered on the landscaping of the tract, particularly on terracing materials to be used on the steep slope running down from the parking lot to the stormwater management basin along Greenbelt Road. Edward Kilduff of Kilduff, Nagy and Associates, landscape architects for the project, said that three terraces buttressed by treated timbers would be used on the hill. The parking lot will be 12-14 feet above the roadway, he said.

Councilmembers Thomas White and Antoinette Bram argued that stone would look better and be more permanent. Kilduff maintained that timbers, with a life of 20 years or more, are quite permanent and that plantings will largely obscure the terracing materials in any case.

Council approved the site and landscape plans with minor stipulations recommended by the staff. Council also approved three internally illuminated signs for the facility subject to the conditions recommended by the Advisory Planning Board. These conditions dealt with landscaping of the free-standing signs and right of approval of any future signs if the company wishes to move or alter those approved.

More on Signs

Another Marriott sign was the subject of a rather longer discussion. A billboard on Kenilworth Avenue opposite Crescent Road gives directions to the Marriott hotel on Ivy Lane. This sign was found to be in violation of the county zoning ordinance and ordered removed in 1986. The hotel (then leased by the Hilton company) appealed the order. The appeal was heard Fossett & Brugger outlined the problems of directing patrons to the hotel since the structure by the Board of Appeals for

Prince Georges County in August 1986 but a decision was deferred while the hotel attempted to arrange alternative signage with the State Highway Administration.

James Austin, General Manager of the Greenbelt Marriott, and attorney Diane Leasure of overlooks the Beltway but no signs are allowed on the Beltway. Customers often mistakenly turn left into the State Highway Administration (SHA) premises instead of going further to Ivy Lane before turning left. Leasure noted that this mistake causes a traffic hazard with cars making a U-turn to continue north on Kenilworth. Austin felt that these mistakes would increase if the billboard was not there.

Leasure said that the owner has been working with the SHA to try to see if that organization might close its entrance on Kenilworth so that all traffic would enter by way of Ivy Lane, thus reducing the confusing options.

Council passed a motion which directed the staff to attempt again to get a decision from the Board of Appeals and to contact county and state representatives asking for their help in resolving the problem. City Solicitor Robert A. Manzi undertook to get a decision from the board.

Other Actions

Council agreed to support state legislation that would prevent vendors from selling merchandise along state highways in urban areas. Another bill which council will support relates to abandoned vehicles. Under the bill, the definition of abandoned would be broadened to include operable vehicles due to malfunctioning or absent major components such as engine or drive train.

Authorization was given for the purchase of five police vehicles and a four-wheel drive pick-up to be used by the city's mechanic. The police cars will cost \$13,072 each and the pick-up will cost \$15,016. Both purchases will piggyback on state bids for vehicles, thus reducing the cost to the city.

Council authorized the staff to file a departure from design standards (DPLS) seeking a waiver from requirements that the Greenbelt museum be made handicapped accessible. According to the staff report, renovations to meet this requirement would be quite expensive. Authorization was also granted to hire a registered surveyor to prepare a DPLS submission. The staff report estimated the cost of such work at \$1000.

The council approved a staff recommendation that the city staff perform an analysis of the traffic at a few critical intersections in the city. The analysis will include a "windshield survey" to assess how the intersection operates, recent traffic counts, assignment of level of service classifications to the intersections and assessment of impact of future developments. These surveys are to be undertaken in response to Councilmember Edward Putens request. See COUNCIL, page 2, col. 4

SCHOOL TOURS

City officials have arranged for interested citizens to see inside both Center Elementary School and the old North End school next Saturday. Please see ad on page 2 for more details.

WHAT GOES ON

- Sat., Jan. 28, 10-4 p.m. Open House at Greenbelt Library
- 2 p.m. Puppet Show at Library
- Mon., Jan. 30, 8 p.m. City Council Worksession on Board & Committee Appointments - Municipal Building
- Tues., Jan. 31, 8 p.m. City Council Worksession on North End Center, Municipal Building
- Wed., Feb. 1, 8 p.m. Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Municipal Building
- Thurs., Feb. 2, 8 p.m. Sr. Citizen Task Force Meeting, Municipal Building

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Help Us Out

Early in February Greenbelters will receive a questionnaire from the Prince Georges County Board of Education concerning which facility will offer the better educational alternative for Greenbelt elementary school children: an expanded, modernized and redeveloped Center School, or a new school built on the site of the city-owned North End School. School officials — from the superintendent to many teachers — have made clear their belief that a brand-new school would better suit the educational needs of the children. Nevertheless, they have said the choice made by Greenbelters will have a major effect on the recommendation by school administrators to the Board of Education. (The nine-member board makes the final decision.) School officials promise that either alternative will result in a viable school — one of which the community may be proud.

Since their mandate is limited to planning for education, school officials have directed their survey to such educational concerns. Yet we Greenbelters must consider our responses within a larger context.

Rarely do we have the opportunity to choose between two such symmetrical situations. Either we retain Center School as a school and have the city rehabilitate all or part of North End School for community programs; or we may have a brand new school built on the North End site and plan to have the city redevelop Center School for community programs. In order, however, to compare these alternatives, here are a few issues which we need to include in our overall thinking:

- Which of the two facilities would be better suited for community programs? Size, location, potential allocation of space, parking and the city's future needs will all have to be studied in responding to this question.
- Which facility, if used for community programs, would cost the city taxpayers more?
- Would the use of Center School as a school or as a facility for community programs better help in bringing vitality back to the Roosevelt Center Mall—to the original focus of activity within the community?
- Which use would preserve more of Center School's historic structure?

While the Board of Education readies its survey for distribution, the News Review urges that city officials prepare a fact sheet to serve as a reference when citizens are filling out the questionnaire. The city has previously supplied comparative facts when citizens were struggling with earlier complex decisions. (The Spellman Overpass and the 1985 bond issue are such examples.) Additional information will help us to be better prepared as we decide the more immediate query put to us by the Board: Which do we favor for Greenbelt's children—renovation of Center School, or a new school on the North End site?

Clarion Puppeteers To Be at Library

A special performance of the musical tale of Peter and the Wolf, brought to life by the Clarion Shadow Theatre, is set for Saturday, Jan. 28, at 2 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Library as part of an Open House (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) to celebrate the completion of library renovation, the program is of special appeal to children ages 5-12.

Dating Game at SHL

The Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge will host a "Dating Game" on February 2 at a Happy Hour at 6:30 p.m. Winning couples will receive dinners for two compliments of the Greenbelt Marriott, Gringada in Beltsville, and Chef's Secret.

To attend or to be a contestant in the Springhill Lake Dating Game, the community is invited to contact the Fountain Lodge at 474-4555 and ask for a registration form.

Democratic Committee Meets on January 31

The Prince Georges County Democratic Central Committee has changed the date of its regular monthly meeting. The date originally scheduled was January 17. The meeting has now been scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, at 7:30 p.m. in the New Carrollton City Hall Chamber, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton.

A public hearing will be held on the governor's Greenbag Appointments in addition to the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

The public is invited to attend.

More Forms in the Mail

On Jan. 20, the Income Tax Division will be sending information forms 1099G to taxpayers who itemized deductions last year and received a refund from the state of Maryland. The state is required to send the form to remind taxpayers that last year's state income tax refund must be reported as income on the 1988 federal tax return. Taxpayers need not attach the 1099G to their federal or state income tax form.

Tax payers with questions about tax refunds can call 974-3701. The state provides free income tax assistance to all taxpayers over the phone at 459-2710 or in person at Suite 450, 8401 Corporate Drive, Landover.

Council

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for a traffic study in the city.

Council decided to contact the state delegation to try to get storm drain inlets on Kenilworth Avenue under Greenbelt Road redesigned. As they exist, they are a hazard to any pedestrians who may have to walk in this area, according to the staff report. A police officer was recently injured by falling into one of the drains during a foot chase.

Meetings

February 23-25 was set for a council-staff retreat which will deal with strategic planning goals and action steps, prioritization of capital projects, and if time permits, council-staff working relationships and management of projects and issues. The retreat agenda vote was 4-1 with White opposed to the inclusion of strategic planning on the list. He said he considered capital improvement prioritization to be the most important thing on the list and that "strategic planning is almost irrelevant to that."

Because of the proximity of the retreat to the scheduled February 27 council meeting, the council meeting was cancelled.

Council worksessions were tentatively scheduled as follows: Jan. 30 - board and committee appointments; Jan. 31 - consideration of the North End School report.

New Group Wants School in North End

A new committee, Citizens for Education and Community, has formed to work on preservation of the Greenbelt Center School for use as a community center and on construction of a new elementary school at the North End site. The committee is interested in hearing from other residents who support this position. See ad elsewhere in this issue.

Mars Show at Planetarium

When the Earth passed Mars in the Fall of 1988, the planets were closer than they have been in almost thirty years, making Mars brighter and more conspicuous than usual. The Howard P. Owens Science Center Planetarium features the "Red Planet" in **The Mars Show** every Friday evening through March 17 at 7 p.m. Three acts depict Mars as it was known before the space age, during the exploration of the Martian surface by American and Soviet space probes, and possible manned exploration and civilization of the planet in the future. Then people can find out how to locate both Mars and Jupiter from their own backyard.

For more information and directions to this entertaining and educational program call 577-8780.

Official Notice

FREE TOURS

CENTER SCHOOL

and

NORTH END SCHOOL

Saturday, February 4, 1989

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Guided Tours will be held every 30 minutes on the hour and half hour beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**FREE TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN SCHOOLS
 WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CITY**

The City Council of Greenbelt, in cooperation with the Prince Georges County Board of Education and Greenbelt Center School, has arranged for conducted tours to be given at each school facility so that interested parents, students, teachers, and citizens may become more familiar with the existing conditions at the two buildings prior to responding to the Board of Education survey questionnaire on whether to renovate Center School or build a new school at the site of the former North End School, and conversely, whether the city shall rehabilitate the old North End School for use as a multigenerational multipurpose community center or rehabilitate the Center School as a community center.

TOURS AT CENTER SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT THE GYMNASIUM MULTIPURPOSE ROOM. USE SCHOOL PARKING LOT ENTRANCE.

TOURS OF NORTH END SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT THE LOBBY TO THE NEW ADDITION. USE THE SECOND FRONT ENTRANCE WEST OF THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

Restore Center School To a Community Building

There has been much discussion of maintaining Center School for its original purpose—that of an educational facility. In the planned community concept, the core city serves the educational, recreational, commercial and civic needs of its citizens. It is important to remember, however, that while the building was designed as a school, it had a dual purpose. It was used as—and was called—the Community Building when it opened in October 1937.

The Community Building was originally owned and operated by the Federal government. The government made the facility available to the county as an elementary school. In February 1953, the building was dedicated to the City of Greenbelt. In 1959, the city sold it to the Board of Education for \$260,000. The 25th Anniversary edition of the News Review describes the building thus:

"Until the Community Building was sold, it remained the unquestionable focus of community life. In the early years it housed the churches on Sunday and provided recreational facilities during the week. The combination auditorium and gymnasium served as a meeting place for the Citizens Association and other local organizations and provided a place for entertainments, stage shows, public forums, and debates. The classrooms were not only used by the children, but also for adult education and vocational training.

"As George Warner said in his book on Greenbelt: *The Co-operative Community* 'It was to be come one of our best-loved buildings, for it was here that all segments of the citizenry were to meet, discuss their mutual problems, worship, study, and play.'"

Teachers, many parents and the Board of Education have stated the advantages of a new school building at the North End site. Additional space, a design that suits the teaching environment deemed desirable by educators, and recreational facilities that would accommodate both school and city needs are all potent arguments in favor of a new school.

Eliminating the educational component of the planned community concept as embodied in the present Center School would be, in a sense, a loss. Yet, the gain—and a great gain it seems to me—would be to return to the concept of the Community Building as a focus of community life.

Among the uses that City Manager Jim Giese has proposed for the Community Building is to move the city offices into part of that space while selling or leasing the present Municipal Building. This would provide adequate space for current and future city staffing needs. As the focus of community life, the Community Building also could serve a variety of needs. It offers meeting room space for the numerous city activity groups. It offers space for a senior citizen activity center, adult day care, recreation department programs, child day care center, nursery school, artists' studios and cable T.V. studio.

What better location for these activities than in the heart of the city, where transportation and parking needs could be better serviced? Where better could Greenbelt showcase its history than in a performing arts center in the core city?

Another potential use that

would work only at the Center School site is the creation of a city Visitor's Center, where students, residents, and persons from around the world could view films and displays on, for example, the social conditions of the 1930s that were responsible for Greenbelt's construction. Following a 15-20 minute introduction, visitors could walk through the underpass to visit the Greenbelt Museum.

Greenbelt is a city with a unique history. It is important to protect that history through preservation of green space, of the buildings that mark its distinct Art Deco character, and of the planned community concept. That concept places the focus of community life at the center of town, the hub from which all else radiates. Preservation of this concept would best be obtained through the restoration of Center School as the Community Building, while constructing a new and exciting educational facility in the North End where, in fact, more school-age children now reside.

Sandra Barnes

Sandra Barnes chaired the city's 50th anniversary committee and is currently the president of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum.

Other Options

(With regard to renovation of Center School,) the best solution could realistically take place only if the number of students attending the school was significantly reduced. If the student population was reduced from 650 to 450, the need for the 1964 Center School addition would no longer exist. It is the additional two-story structure which creates most of the design limitations and makes more difficult the supervision of students as they move from one area of the building to another. The county (would have) an opportunity to implement a promise of Parris Glendening's to significantly reduce the student-teacher ratio.

This could be achieved if the county reacquired the North End site and through a phased-in program relocated 175 to 200 students to North End. The result would be two operating facilities, 450 students at Center (potentially a student-teacher ratio reduction from 34 students/teacher to 25 students/teacher) and 175 to 200 students at North End. An important by-product (would be) the flexibility necessary to deal with a projected increase in school-aged children in the Greenbelt area during the 1990's and beyond.

I would recommend that city funds and grants currently allocated for the North End site be used to expand the Recreation Department facility.

Konrad Herling

What Can Be

I thought the era had passed when our historic buildings were scrapped or abandoned in pursuit of "state of the art" facilities of one sort or another. Despite countless examples throughout the country of historic buildings restored to former beauty, refitted with new functions, and performing new tasks with elegance and grace, the school board would like to turn the clock back on progress and abandon Center School. What a mistake that would be.

The citizens of Greenbelt have an important decision to make. I

Letters to the Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The News Review welcomes letters to the editor. They must be signed in handwriting (with the name also printed), and must bear the writer's address and phone number. Names may be withheld on request of the writer. If possible, letters should be typed double-spaced on one side of the paper. All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, taste, and clarity.

hope when the school board's survey comes to your door, you decide based on what can be rather than what the school board claims can not be. With a little effort and commitment Center School can be restored and enlarged to provide a state-of-the-art teaching facility, but with a difference. The difference will be those portions of the facility which cannot be duplicated at North End. It isn't simply historic qualities which make Center School unique, but rather its context within the community, its site surrounded by other supporting facilities and especially its warmth and character. These are attributes that will be lacking in a new building at North End.

It is time to decide that we can have a showpiece educational facility at Center School and go to work to achieve it. Let us not allow anything to get in the way of the objective to have the best. If the playground presents challenges, then let's meet those challenges. If the addition built in the 1960's is a hindrance, then let's remove it. But let's make it absolutely clear to the school board that "state of the art" and "exceptional" start with the restoration and use of Greenbelt Center Elementary School as a school.

William C. Stratton

Traffic Concern

The Woodland Hills Community Association has worked with other groups and the city to help preserve the green space in Greenbelt's North End. One particular concern of ours is the traffic which such new development would generate.

The suggestion that North End School be rebuilt and Center School closed raises similar concerns. The residential streets which access the North End are not designed to accommodate new bus and car traffic. The rebuilding of North End School would also give further impetus to developers wanting to build in the area. Certainly the price to the city of Parcel 1 would increase because of the prospect of a new elementary school being constructed nearby.

Cost is also a concern if the city acquires Center School. The magnitude of the required renovation would put a terrible strain on the budget at a time when expenses—and taxes—are already increasing, despite increased growth.

Accordingly, we favor continued use of Center School as a Prince Georges County elementary facility, renovated in a quality manner as promised by the Superintendent of Schools. We oppose building a new facility on the site of the former North End School.

Mark J. Davis, President
Woodland Hills Community Association

Questions Motive

I thank the Board of Education for holding a well-run and informative meeting to discuss the option to renovate Greenbelt Center School or construct a new building on another site. I take exception, however, to the conclusion that a new building on another site would provide "better educational value."

For example, it was stated that the Center school gym is 20% too large. However, the gym is filled to capacity during school plays and important public meetings.

It was stated that the multipurpose room and gym in a modern school (should) be next to each other. However, they are on opposite ends of the building in the relatively new University Park Elementary school building, as one example.

Finally, the board's unwillingness to include Braden Field when considering the adequacy of the Center School playground is questionable when, in fact, it is 150 yards from the Center School building to Braden Field and 130 yards from the North End building to its ball field.

The consensus of the citizens at the meeting was that removal of the 1968 addition at Center School would open up design possibilities tremendously. Yet this idea was brushed aside. The Board of Education apparently has not determined if there are additional construction costs for this option, nor have they seriously discussed it with state officials. This option has the advantages of eliminating the split level problem (and) permits grouping the new addition close to the original section to reduce the sprawling floor plan problem. A greater proportion of the building would then be new, which permits much greater design freedom to meet current standards. Given the condition of the addition, it may be more cost effective to remove than renovate.

Although I appreciate that public input is being asked, I believe the presentation was slanted in favor of a new building. Obviously a new school is the most expedient solution to the difficulties of renovating a historical building and a two-year relocation. A new school on another site simplifies the job. But I question whether this motive should be the deciding factor in a decision which will leave the center of our planned community without its elementary school.

Rick Meetre

Make Opinions Known

After an extensive writeup in the News Review January 12, we are given a brief statement, "Giese does not recommend providing the performing arts center requested by the Greenbelt Arts Center, saying that the extensive renovations suggested would make the multipurpose room unsuitable for many other proposed uses." He then goes on to give an approximate cost of renovation of \$739,800 with no explanation, and adds that operating expenses would probably have to be subsidized by the city. (Editors note: The full report explains that all cost estimates are based upon the square footage to be renovated.)

It is difficult to understand Mr. Giese's negative response to a performing arts center, when GAC has shown in the past that it not only can meet its own expenses, but (can raise funds from individuals as well as cor-

porations. Given the assurance of a permanent facility, GAC is confident it can apply for and receive funding from a variety of sources which heretofore were unavailable to them because they were in a rental facility with no lease.

The Arts Center has been actively pursuing its fund raising efforts and citizen support has been outstanding. Fund raisers in September, October, November, and December each surpassed the projected goals.

The Board of Directors set out a plan for the North End Center to include a performing arts facility. Dance and music studios would be available during the day for classes and special programs (and used) nights and weekends for rehearsals and rental to outside groups. The "multi-purpose room" would be modified to a fully functional theatre, with light and sound facilities. Granted, it would not be available for such athletic activities as basketball, but the dance studio would be available for aerobic and gymnastic classes.

For years Greenbelt has subsidized a recreation program second to none. GAC is only asking that the whole person be considered and not only the athlete. Interest in the performing arts has been demonstrated by the increased enrollment of children in the Arts Center's drama classes. A functioning theatre would aid in that program.

In its proposal for renovations the Arts Center suggested that the interior subdivision and/or finishing work in the performing arts areas could be done by the technical crews of the Arts Center. We have built stages and light booths, have craftsmen of all types in our group and could accomplish the interior renovation for far far less than the estimates put forth by the city manager.

But we are even more confused over who will use the space and who will make that decision. When CNEC and GAC and others held several meetings to plan the use of the facility, it was proposed that it include a senior day care and drop-in center, a children's day care, a visual arts facility and a performing arts facility. Vague references to the Recreation Department needing some space were voiced, but nothing was ever given in writing to any of the groups trying to set forth plans for the facility. Now Mr. Giese in his report includes the Recreation Department, city offices storage space, the Greenbelt Museum, cable television, rental offices and on and on.

There are a few decisions that have to be made. Will the school be razed for a new elementary school? If not, the city must decide if it would raze or renovate the structure. Then a very important decision: do we want the space to do a little of everything badly or a few things very well?

On January 31 a work session on North End is to be held. We urge citizens to make their opinions known on the proposed North End Center. We also hope at that time the city will be more specific in how broad or narrow the scope of the North End Center will be, and how many functions it will be expected to perform.

Marie Tousignant

Thanks

My thanks to the pretty blonde officer who helped me across Greenbelt Road on Jan. 3. I wish I had gotten her name so I could thank her personally.

Name Withheld

How Safe is Safe for Children ?

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson

How safe is safe enough for children was the question raised by council at the November 29 regular city council meeting. The subject of the conversation was a child care center which is planned for Maryland Trade Center, the office complex next to Greenway Center.

The councilmembers' strong opinions seemed to arise, as Councilmember Antoinette M. Bram put it, because "this is not a steel and mortar issue, this is not a curb and gutter issue, this is a human issue."

Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson presented staff's report on the revision of site plans for Maryland Trade Center (MTC) III and IV. In the revision for MTC III, an activity area is planned for a new child care center. Two bank pads are also conceived, one for MTC III and one for MTC IV.

Staff was unable to make recommendations on MTC IV, as it had not yet seen a site plan incorporating changes — in landscaping and the walk system — recommended by the Advisory Planning Board (APB).

As for MTC III, staff recommended approval of the site plan on condition that the owner, Coakley & Williams, erect no exterior signs "advertising the day care facility . . . other than signs needed for safety," and that the owner agrees not to interfere with the outlot during the time before that area is transferred to the city.

In addition, staff recommended that one of the planned sidewalks be deleted and another added, and that the curbing be extended to include the sidewalks. In the present plan, Wilson noted, "the sidewalks are striped areas within the parking areas."

Attorney Richard Reed, from the Seabrook firm of Fossett & Brugger and representing Coakley & Williams, indicated later in the meeting that the latter company had agreed to the suggested exchange of sidewalks. However, he said, it would be difficult to extend the curbing since "we're dealing with an existing situation . . . the curbing's already in." He said he was more receptive to an earlier suggestion by Wilson that concrete ballards be erected between the sidewalks and the parking lot. Staff indicated that this change would be acceptable.

Gates—Open or Locked?

Council, however, turned out to be more concerned with the fence around the child care center's activity area. The fence, as it was gradually explained during the meeting, would surround a playground area used by the NYMA child care center. All the play equipment used by the NYMA center is portable and can be taken inside when the children are in the building. There is one building door within the activity area and it leads solely to the child care center.

Under the site plan in question, there are two gates in the fence, which allow pedestrian access around the building. These gates are always locked when the children are outside. However, when the children are inside and when the child care center is closed, the gates can be left open. Benches in the activity area would allow office workers to congregate there during their lunch hours.

Susan Nyce of NYMA told

council that the center will contain 21 children, from three to 30 months of age. There will be a one to three ratio of staff to children.

The question which dominated the rest of the meeting was: Why open the gates? In answer to Councilmember Joseph C. Isaac's questions, Wilson acknowledged that there are likely to be few pedestrians wanting to walk around the building, since MTC III has twin entrances at the north and south ends of the building (the child care center is on the east side). However, she said that staff felt it had to leave open the possibility that someone would want to do so.

"On balance, I'd be more concerned about children than adults," Isaacs replied.

Amendment Proposed

This proved to be the prevailing sentiment among councilmembers. Councilmember Antoinette Bram said that, while she welcomed the idea of a child care center, she believed the gates should be kept locked at all times. "You either have all or nothing," she said. "You're going to have that play-yard, you keep it secure for the children, and that's that."

Bram proposed a "friendly" amendment, "that the play-yard be secured during the hours of operation for the day care center . . . at all times unless there

is a problem in terms of fire and safety hazards." Bram described this as a "compromise" from her earlier position that the activity area ought to be locked 24 hours a day. She added later that, if safety regulations did not allow the locking of the fence, the entire motion should be returned for consideration to the council.

Robert Manzi felt that the amendment ought to be a separate motion because he believed that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), which would next consider the matter, would not be able to deal with the question of when the gates should be left open.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld agreed with Manzi. He added later, "I'm not sure that the city should be imposing this requirement on private enterprise."

Councilmember Thomas X. White said he felt that this was a matter in which we should trust the judgment of the state and county. "I don't think the expertise lies within the city to regulate (the child care) service."

Bram later countered such sentiments by saying that toys which have passed inspection by government regulatory bodies are sometimes found to be unsafe by parents.

Councilmembers Bram, Isaacs,

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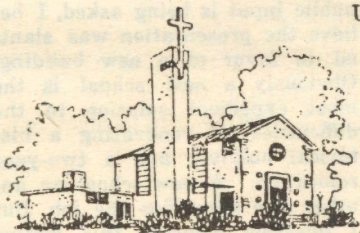
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RUDERMAN PRESIDENT OF MEDICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Robert Ruderman, a Greenbelt resident since 1967, was elected President of the Prince Georges County Medical Society at its December meeting. Dr. Ruderman practices hematology in Riverdale. He has been an active member of the Prince Georges Hospital teaching staff and a past chairman of the Mishkan Torah board of directors.

Dr. Ruderman resides on Lakeside Drive with his wife, Elaine.

and Edward Putens voted in favor of the amendment. The motion itself, with the added amendment, passed unanimously.

Isaacs suggested a second motion in which the city would express to the county health department "and other concerned bodies" council's worries over the safety of the open gates. Bram, Isaacs, Putens, and Weidenfeld voted for this motion, Weidenfeld saying he felt these were the appropriate officials to query. White remained unconvinced "that there is a hazard that needs to be addressed."

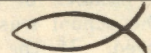
Reed told council that he was "sure" Coakley & Williams and NYMA would also look into this matter.

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Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Municipal Building
Sunday, 10 A.M.

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Members of the Committee to Save the Green Belt will conduct guided tours of the green belt each Saturday. On Jan. 28 at noon, the tour will start at the end of Northway. Call Paul at 474-4653 or Rodney at 345-5427 for information.

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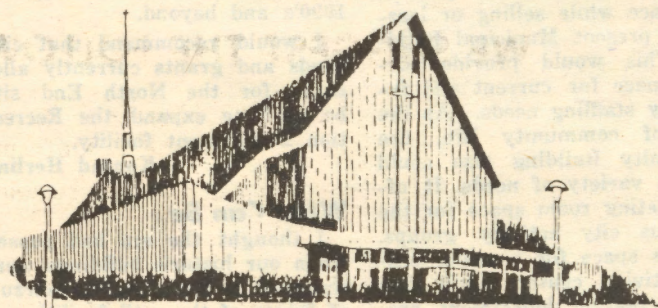
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For information regarding programs for youth, young adults, singles, and senior citizens, please call the Church office.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

345-5111

Let's Work Together to Keep Greenbelt Center School In The Center

After nearly five years of active city and community support for the renovation of Greenbelt Center Elementary School, the Board of Education is now considering an alternative proposal to build a new school at the North End site. Such an alternative has critical adverse consequences for the Greenbelt community and must be rejected!



Greenbelt Center School can be successfully restored to create an excellent educational environment for Greenbelt students. This was affirmed by School Superintendent John Murphy at the Informational Meeting on January 10: "... if the community decides that the historical significance of Center (School) is more important, the school system will provide a quality school program in a renovated school"

Reasons For Saving Greenbelt Center Elementary School:

- A restored Center School will represent the best of both old and new to the children and citizens of Greenbelt
- A restored Center School will offer a larger, more flexible facility for the education of our children
- A restored Center School will continue the advantage of having an adjacent branch library for the children's use, both during and after school
- A restored Center School could utilize both upgraded on-site and the adjacent city recreational facilities
- A restored Center School would also enjoy the benefits of the city's planned indoor swimming pool through inclusion in the curriculum and/or usage after school hours
- A restored Center School is more centrally located for students in Greenbelt and will continue to offer easy access from all parts of the city
- A restored Center School will help to maintain the historical context of the original planned community
- A restored Center School will continue to provide for community use of its multi-purpose facilities
- A restored Center School will provide a generational continuity that goes back over the past fifty-one years of exceptional educational service

Arguments Against Using the North End Site for an Elementary School:

- A school on the North End site will lack all the educational enhancements listed for the Greenbelt Center School campus
- A school on the North End site will be located on the periphery of the Greenbelt school population as opposed to the easy access enjoyed by the Center School site
- A school on the North End site will remove up to seven acres of the original "green belt"
- A school on the North End site will eliminate the proposed North End Intergenerational Center
- A school on the North End site will result in a vacant school building in the center of our community
- According to a city staff report, a vacant Center School, if obtained by the City, could result in a \$6,850,000 expenditure by citizens of Greenbelt to meet code requirements and provide an adjunct to city services

Citizens of Greenbelt have worked long and hard to preserve its unique character and quality of life. We have joined in such efforts as preserving greenspace and establishing a museum for Greenbelt's history. Let's join together again to maintain an excellent educational facility in our city center.

WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- City Council should stick to its commitment (Council minutes of Sept. 19, 1988) to develop an intergenerational center at North End and inform the Board of Education that the North End site is not available
- Board of Education should resume evaluation of appropriate design approaches for the renovation of Greenbelt Center School

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- You will be receiving a survey form mailed out by the Board of Education seeking your opinion on this issue. Please indicate your preference to renovate Center School

This ad has been prepared by an ad hoc group of Greenbelt citizens concerned with the future of Greenbelt's Center School:

Keith Chernikoff, Jim Cowan, Connie Davis, Eva Garin, Al Herling, Resa Jascourt, Ruth Kastner, Leta Mach, Rick Meetre, Eileen Peterson, Ann Pisano, Tony Pisano, Jean Rashkin, Barbara Simon, Betty Sonneveldt, Bill Stratton, Betty Timer, Thomas White, Bob Zugby

If you want to help, or desire additional information, contact: Barbara Simon, 474-2192, or Betty Timer, 474-6775.

GEAC Explores Closer Ties With Community

by Marcie Birk

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee kicked off the new year by holding its annual election of officers and discussing areas of emphasis for 1989. GEAC also gained approval to transmit positions to the Greenbelt City Council with a 75 percent majority vote.

GEAC's officers for 1988 were re-elected by unanimous vote at the January 5 meeting. They include Bob Zugby of Greenbriar as chairperson, Dave Lychenheim of Windsor Green as co-chairperson, Jim Foy of Hunting Ridge as treasurer and Arlene Peterson of Greenwood Village as secretary. After the election, Zugby asked for suggestions regarding GEAC's activities in 1989.

Lychenheim proposed that GEAC make more of an effort to establish ties with other Greenbelt homeowner associations. Zugby supported Lychenheim's proposal and said, "GEAC has always tried to present itself as a bridge-building organization to other groups in the Greenbelt community."

J Davis of Greenbriar suggested that GEAC set up open meetings on topics of interest to the entire Greenbelt community and invite other homeowner associations. GEAC decided to pursue this idea and hopes to set up such a meeting in the near future.

Jane Kohler of Hunting Ridge said she would like to see GEAC support the Greenbelt recycling program, which is currently in the planning stages. Kohler said she would try to arrange for Bill Peterson of Prince Georges County, who is helping to plan and establish the program in Greenbelt, to speak at GEAC's February meeting.

Arlene Peterson suggested that GEAC support a voter registration drive. She reminded members that the city election is in November.

GEAC at last gained approval from its five member boards for a charter change which will permit GEAC to take an official position on issues with support from 75 percent of GEAC's parent boards. Prior to this change, GEAC required all five member boards to approve a position before it could be sent to the city council.

The five members of GEAC

are Greenbrook Estates Homeowners' Association, Greenbriar Community Association, Greenwood Village Homeowners' Association, Hunting Ridge Condominium Association, and Windsor Green Homeowners' Association.

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Advisory
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Tentative
Agenda

Wednesday, February 1, 1989

8 p.m.

Municipal Building
Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. REVIEW OF SITE AND LANDSCAPE PLAN FOR GREENBELT PARK
4. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT APPLICATION A-9754 - GREENHORNE & O'MARA

NOTE: This is a tentative agenda subject to change.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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The City of Greenbelt is seeking proposals for the installation of a new telephone system at the new police department facility in Greenbelt.

Written proposals for the telephone system shall be submitted to the City Purchasing Agents Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 until 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 17, 1989.

For further information, contact Lt. Kenneth L. Stair, Commander of Administrative Services, 474-7200.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

WORK SESSION

Interview of Citizens Interested in
Board/Committee Appointment
Monday, January 30, 1989
8:00 p.m.

Council Room-Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road

The City Council has scheduled a work session to interview citizens who have expressed an interest in serving on one of the city's advisory boards or committees. Presently, vacancies exist on the city's

Advisory Planning Board
Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Crime Prevention Committee and
Senior Citizen Task Force

Council recently established the following two committees for which it is seeking applications as well.

Arts Advisory Committee and
Greenbelt Foundation Ad Hoc Committee

Greenbelt citizens interested in being considered for appointment to any of the standing committees, who wish to be interviewed but who have not yet made their interest known, and citizens wishing to be considered for appointment to the newly established committees, are encouraged to submit a letter of interest and/or resume to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, prior to the scheduled work session.

For information, please call 447-3870.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
City Clerk

ESTABLISHMENT OF

TWO NEW CITY COMMITTEES

The Greenbelt City Council recently established two new city committees. One, the **Greenbelt Arts Advisory Committee**, shall be responsible for guiding the implementation of a city arts policy and shall consist of the following: One member from each of the three areas of the arts — performing, visual, and literary; one member with a background in arts education; at least two members of the business community; one member in good standing of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board; and a non-voting city staff member.

The committee shall write a proposed, formal arts policy for the city; provide advice on matters relating to the arts, including policies, programs, arts in public places, funding for private groups, and facilities for the arts; promote increased citizen participation in city and non-city arts programs and activities; assist city arts organizations in fund raising by providing information and assistance; supplement city staff as a liaison with arts-related organizations and aid in the planning and annual evaluation of the city's arts programs.

The second, **Greenbelt Foundation Ad Hoc Committee**, shall develop a framework for a Greenbelt Foundation and, to that end, shall recommend the purpose and goals for the foundation, its organizational framework, the makeup of the board of directors, draft articles of incorporation for the foundation to establish its tax-exempt status, define the foundation's relationship with the city, and make such other recommendations needed to establish the foundation. The ad hoc committee shall consist of two members of the Greenbelt business community, two residents of Greenbelt, and one member of the Community Relations Advisory Board.

Indications of interest are being sought from Greenbelt citizens and the business community.

For information, please call the City Clerk, 474-3870

Police Blotter

Based on Information
Released by the Greenbelt
Police Department

In two separate incidents last week hospital or medical waste was found improperly discarded. On Jan. 14 a citizen walking along the dirt road from Hanover Parkway to Megan Lane found waste that included 200 to 300 hypodermic syringes, empty bottles of peroxide and alcohol, and cotton swabs and balls. On Jan. 17 an employee of Super Fresh in Beltway Plaza discovered waste including gauze, hypodermic syringes and petri dishes in a dumpster behind the store. In both cases the Prince Georges Health Department removed the waste and will investigate.

A 26-year-old nonresident woman was arrested on Jan. 15 and charged with breaking and entering and theft by Detective Pfc. Carolyn McLean. She was released pending trial. The woman posed as a nurse offering nursing services to senior citizens. Once inside a residence, she would search for valuables while the victim was distracted or in another room. In this case, the victim's wallet was reported stolen from her purse.

Pfc. Alan Caho arrested a 25-year-old nonresident man on Jan. 13 at Capitol Cadillac after it was determined through investigation that he was utilizing a credit card of a deceased person to pay for service. The man was charged with violation of a credit card offense and appeared before a district court commissioner, where he was held on \$10,000 bond pending trial.

Off. Robert Dowling arrested an 18-year-old resident after the subject became disorderly and created a disturbance at the Shell Food Mart on Breezewood Lane. He was released pending trial.

Thefts

On Jan. 15 Off. Thomas Moreland arrested an 11-year-old resident at Best Products in Beltway Plaza, after the juvenile was observed concealing merchandise and left the store. He was charged with theft and released to his parents pending action by juvenile services.

A dishwasher was reported stolen on Jan. 16 from a vacant apartment in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane.

A patron of Kangaroo Katies in Greenway Center reported her wallet stolen from her purse on Jan. 15.

On Jan. 14 as a woman left Bud's Deep Discount Drug Store and walked toward her car in the parking lot two men approached and attempted to take a prescription she had just obtained. Their efforts failed and no injuries were reported. The suspects are described as black, age 17-20, 5 ft. 4 in., and light-skinned.

A shoplifting occurred at The Gap in Greenway Center as a man fled from the store with 15 to 20 pairs of pants. Once out of the store, the suspect entered a late 70's metallic red two-door Ford Granada, DC tag 249. He is described as black, in his thirties, 5 ft. 6 in., stocky build, wearing a gray jacket, dark pants and a tan hat.

While the cashier was away from the front register at Chesapeake Bay Seafood House in Beltway Plaza, a man opened the register and stole cash while an accomplice acted as look out. The suspects are described as a black male in his 40's, 6 ft. 2 in., 220-250 lbs., black hair, short beard and mustache, wearing a gray ski jacket, blue plaid shirt, jeans and a gray baseball cap. The other is a black male, early

30's, 5 ft. 11 in., 130 lbs., black hair wearing a burgundy jacket, jeans and a black cap.

A 1963 Mercury Meteor reported stolen on Oct. 26 from the parking lot of Greenway Center, was recovered on Jan. 13, abandoned in Hyattsville. No arrests were made.

A 1986 Chevy Camaro, reported stolen on Dec. 4 from the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway was recovered on Jan. 16, unoccupied, in the District. On the same day a 1987 maroon Camaro was reported taken from the 100 block of Westway. The vehicle was recovered late that day. No arrests were made in either case.

Vandalisms to and thefts from autos were reported in the following areas: 6100 bl. Springhill Terr., 6900 bl. Hanover Pkwy., 7200 bl. Hanover Dr., 8100 bl. Lakecrest Dr., 6200 bl. Springhill Dr., 9100 bl. Springhill Ln., and 9100 bl. Edmonston Rd.

Auto Thefts

A Dodge Van, BWI Mi Limo #29, was taken Jan. 7 from the Limo parking lot on Southway. The van was located two days later near Leonardtown on Route 5. There were no arrests.

A parking complaint led to the recovery on Jan. 9 of a 1988 Toyota truck by Pfc. Maria Arthur. The truck had been stolen in Howard County on Jan. 3. No arrests were made.

Workshop on AIDS Suffering Is Feb. 4

A workshop entitled: "AIDS: Taking the Crisis Personally" will be led by the Rev. Kenneth Collier of First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia on Saturday, February 4 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The workshop will consider what people can do, as individuals and as members of churches, to alleviate the suffering. The workshop, which is free, will be held at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Rd., Adelphi, Md. Further information may be obtained by calling the church at 937-3666.

CFG Logo Contest Deadline Is Feb. 1

The deadline for entries for the Citizens for Greenbelt logo contest is Wednesday, February 1. Art work may be mailed to Eunice E. Coxon, chairperson for the logo contest or left at her home. She will arrange to be at home to receive them if she is called at 345-2756.

The winners of the \$100 and \$50 prizes will be announced at the annual meeting on Thursday, March 2 in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building at 8 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

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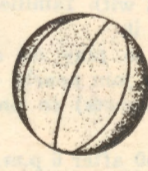
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WAKE FOREST




GAME TIME: 4 p.m.
WHEN: Saturday, February 25
WHERE: Maryland's Cole Field House
COST: \$9

*33 oz. Coca-Cola mug with purchase of each ticket



30 & OVER OPEN GYM



WHERE: Springhill Lake Recreation Center
WHEN: Wednesdays, started January 18 (15 weeks)
TIME: 7:30 - 10 p.m.
COST: \$1 Greenbelt residents
\$2 Non-residents

EXERCISE FOR LUNCH BUNCH



WHERE: Springhill Lake Recreation Center
WHEN: Monday-Friday
TIME: 11 am - 2 pm
COST: \$1 daily admission

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Citizens for Education and Community

Formed to bring Greenbelters together who favor:

A new school at North End because:

- "The best educational decision"
John A. Murphy, Supt. of Schools
- New athletic fields and school building would be available for community use after school hours

Center School as a Community Building because:

- Enough space for all proposed activities for the former North End school PLUS space for city staff offices, a cable TV studio, a Greenbelt Visitor Center, meeting rooms, and more recreational and craft facilities
- We would have more control at the City level for protecting historic features now and in the future
- We would create 130 more parking spaces (by using the school basketball court) for municipal and commercial uses.

We need YOUR help.

Please join us, by contacting any of the people listed below:

Mary Ann Baker	474-1706	Solange Hess	474-9306
Olive Blue	345-7457	Robert Jolliffe	474-5427
Sandy Bowers	474-8320	David Lange	441-2951
Joyce Chestnut	474-0567	David Moran	345-1429
Jean Cook	345-2597	Judy Ott	474-0222
Cynthia Dial	474-3280	Pat Savage	474-4904
Bob Greig	474-0332	Irv Siegel	474-7628

At the Library

Thursday, February 2 Drop-In Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. ages 3-5.

Lakewood Civic Association Postpones Party till Feb.

The Lakewood Civic Association's January "Chase Away the Blah's" party has been changed to February 11.

The Association will participate in the Flea Market scheduled for February 18 at the Youth Center. Information will be given to members soon.

SHL Star Search Seeks Best Talent of Greenbelt

The Springhill Lake Teen Club is looking for actors, singers, dancers, models and comedians. Springhill Lake Star Search is looking for the best talent from Springhill Lake and Greenbelt. All acts will be judged according to creativity, originality, professionalism, talent and stage presence. Select a name for the act. Props and costumes are encouraged.

Auditions are open on Sunday, February 5, 1989, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge, 6220 Springhill Drive, by appointment only. Call 474-4555 for more information. Star Search is sponsored by the Springhill Lake Teen Club in coordination with the Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge. Applications will be available at the Greenbelt Library, the Greenbelt Recreation Center and the Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge. Return your application to Fountain Lodge.

"To Your Smile" by Ray Vidal, D.D.S.



What Causes Mottled Enamel?

Mottled enamel is the name of a condition in which chalky white spots and blotches appear on the teeth. Although these teeth are structurally sound, and, in fact, more resistant to decay, they are not esthetically pleasing. It is caused by too much fluoride in the diet, either naturally from certain water sources, or as a vitamin supplement.

Many part of our country have naturally occurring fluoride in the water supply. Mottling is very common in some of these areas and, except for using bottled water, can not be prevented. In the case of dietary fluoride, strict adherence to recommended maximum levels must be maintained according to age level. The current acceptable doses are 6 months to 2 years, 0.25 mg per day; 2-3 years, 0.5 mg per day; and over 3, 1 mg per day. These levels have been found to be sufficient to prevent dental decay while minimizing the occurrence of mottling. Note that these figures are only valid when no fluoride is found in the water supply and that under 6 months of age, fluoride is not to be given at all.

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Wilkinson - Boonin

Joseph and Virginia Wilkinson announce the marriage of their daughter Mary Beth Wilkinson to Nicholas Boonin of Philadelphia. The wedding was held on June 15 at the Fortnightly in Haddon Field, New Jersey. A reception was held immediately following the wedding. The couple will reside in Collingwood, N.J.

Wallace-Trittippoe

Leonard A. Wallace Jr. and Holley M. Trittippoe, both of Greenbelt, announce their marriage on November 13, 1988. The couple were wed by the groom's cousin, in a stand-up ceremony, at Newton White Mansion.

The matron of honor was Diane Siegel, and best man was Kevin Siegel. Bridesmaids were Carolyn Wheelless, Tiffney Trittippoe, and Robin Trittippoe. The groom's attendants were Marc Siegel, Steve Wallace and Eric Weiner.

Leonard is a 1980 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt HS and is currently the broker at Realty 1 in Greenbelt. Holley is a 1984 graduate of Winston Churchill HS, and is currently general manager for S. Ramco, Inc. in Crystal City.

The couple is planning a delayed honeymoon to Australia and will reside in their Greenbelt home.

Greenbriar News

The grand finale of the holiday celebrations at Greenbriar was the New Years Eve Party. 84 people enjoyed music and dancing in the Terrace Room on New Years Eve. The midnight buffet, enjoyed by all, culminated the evening's activities.

School age children at Greenbriar, enjoyed A Super Snow Day on January 6. Due to the unexpected holiday, the children spent the afternoon at the Community Building enjoying games, crafts, and snacks. The most popular activity of the day was the creation of 3 snowmen on the front lawn. Much ingenuity was exerted building "snowmen of distinction."

More Parking Available At Landover Metro Station

Prince Georges County opened a new 681-space Metrorail parking lot at the Landover Station on Monday, January 16.

The parking fee will be \$1.25 daily, collected upon exit from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays. The new lot is located north of the existing lot off Pennsy Drive.

The Landover lot used to fill up by 8:30 a.m. With the addition of this new lot, 1,865 spaces are now available for Metrorail riders at Landover.

Soccer Tryouts

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WHERE: Braden Field at 11:30 on Saturday, January 28
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Recreation Review

Gymnasium Schedule

Due to the high demand of gymnasium usage during the winter months, the schedule varies considerably during the week. To avoid any inconvenience, please note the posted gymnasium schedule at each facility or phone 474-6878 for times.

Weight Lifting Club Members

All Weight Lifting Club memberships have expired as of the calendar year. In order to continue using the facilities, keep the card current.

LAFF

The Leisure Activity Fun & Friendship Club is for young adults who are physically or emotionally challenged. The club meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Members help to plan their own agenda and activities. A nominal fee is required. For more information, call Karen Haseley at 474-6878.

30 & Over Basketball Open Gym

30 & Over Basketball Open Gym will be played on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. For more information, call John R. Webster III or Janet Goldberg at 474-6878 or 345-2770.

Facility Entrance Pass

All participants, 16 years of age and over, entering the Recreation Centers are required to possess a Recreation Department Photo I.D. card. These cards may be purchased for a nominal fee at either center. Proof of current residency must be provided at the time of purchase. Remember, only residents of the City of Greenbelt may purchase a pass.

Greenbelt CARES

Judye Hering held the tutor's workshop on January 14 for three tutors. Topics for discussion included setting goals for students, evaluating students' progress, and motivation techniques.

Paul Fischetti chaired a meeting of the Children's Committee of the Human Services Coalition in Greenbelt. Elizabeth Proctor Chairperson of the Interagency Truancy Council, spoke about the council's role in dealing with the most difficult truancy cases in the county.

Pick-Up Soccer at ERHS

Greenbelt Soccer Association, along with Greenbelt Recreation and MNCPPC, is offering pick-up soccer free at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Feb. 12, and Feb. 26, and March 5, 12 and 19.

All players born from 1981 to 1983 will play during the hours of 2 to 3:30 p.m. Anyone born in 1979 or 1980 will play from 3:30 to 4:30 and the big kids (those born between 1974 and 1976) play from 4:30 to 5:30.

Players should contact their designated coach since some "teams" are playing/practicing at other places or times.

The games are open to the public and no registration is required. For more information, contact Jane Cosner at 474-0981 or Sue Cornelius at 345-2661.

Boys & Girls Club Elects '89 Officers

by Jeff Keir

At its Jan. 3 board of directors meeting, Ernie Varda was elected president and Jeff Keir vice-president of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. Also elected were Barbara Osborne, secretary, Patricia Molden, treasurer, Mel Scites, registrar, Keith Braddock, athletic director, and Bob Sonneveldt, equipment manager. Lee Johnson is immediate past president.

Adult volunteers are needed to serve on standing committees and as sport commissioners. Contact Ernie Varda at 474-8964. The club is considering an expansion of its athletic program beyond baseball, soccer, football, cheerleading and basketball. To expand to new sports, volunteers will be needed. To offer input contact Varda or Keith Braddock at 567-5458.

Regular board meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center and are open to the public.

Hospice Seeks Volunteers

Hospice of Prince Georges County is seeking volunteers to serve the terminally ill and their families. Interviews for March training will be held in February. Call 499-0550 for info.

Good Neighbors Hold Crime Watch Session

The Springhill Lake Good Neighbor Group will conduct a crime watch orientation session on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room above the Springhill Lake Pharmacy. All Greenbelt residents are invited to attend. Orientation is by the Greenbelt Police Department.

More Flea Market Groups

The following groups have also signed up for the Feb. 18 Flea Market at the City Recreation Center: the Committee to Save the Green Belt, the Woman's Club of Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Soccer Association, the Lakeside Citizens Association, and the Greenbelt Chapter of NARF (National Association of Retired Federal Workers).

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Parks crew members have been trying their best to beat Mother Nature in the battle of leaves throughout the city. So far, the men and leaf vacuum have remained ahead of the trees this week in Springhill Lake.

Building and Maintenance crew employee Walter McCloskey has been accepted as an Air Force recruit and will leave the city

in April for training.

The special roadside crew is still chipping Christmas trees at the city's many collection points. It's not too late to dispose of trees.

The special details and general crews have been literally moving mountains! The large hill at the corner of Crescent Rd. and Ridge Rd was blocking the view of oncoming traffic on Crescent Rd., posing a serious hazard. In the past two weeks, the crews have been clearing the hill of brush and trees so that 20 to 30 feet of land may be cut back, making visibility and turning from Ridge Rd. onto Crescent Rd., safer!

The special details and roadside crews graded the intersection of Crescent Road and Ridge Road to improve the vision of oncoming traffic. Both crews cleaned storm drains and the roadside crew patched potholes.

The special roadside crew has been collecting and chipping Christmas trees.

The parks crew cleared dead trees from woods in the city. Any wood stacked on the side of the road is free for residents to take. The City Horticulturist has regraded the area in front of Gunnersmate at Greenbelt Lake.

The building maintenance crew installed welders in the Public Works Facility.

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Condolences to Mary Schubert, of 1 Court Gardenway on the death of her sister on January 21.

Deepest sympathy to Evelyn Carr on the death of her mother. Mrs. Edith R. Carr was one of the first 25 residents of Greenbelt.

We are saddened to learn of the death of Anna Craig, formerly of 37 Court Ridge. Our condolences to her family.

Peg Wainscott was honored at a farewell party on January 13 at the Youth Center. The party was given by five area bridge groups which she had been instrumental in organizing. There were 14 tables of bridge playing that night - and plenty of food for all (highlighted by a beautiful cake created by Tony Pisano).

Peg has been an active member of the Greenbelt community for many years. She was president of the Woman's Club and an area bridge expert. She is moving to Homosassa, Florida to be near her two daughters. We all wish Peg well in her new home.

The neighborhood cookie watch is on. Rumor has it that the girl scouts are peddling the yummy treats again this week. Enjoy!

Greenbelt's Girl Scout Troop 1411 announces that all girls have satisfied the Bridging-Up to Juniors Requirement. Scouts who were awarded their Bridge to Junior Patch on Friday, January 20, are Jennie O'Brien, Natalie Arnold, Meagan Fitzgerald, Sara Rashkin, Amanda Baldauf, Maureen Leddy, Joanne Kizale, Katy Roberts, Marty Pelfrey, JoJo Humphreys and Sherrie Rippeon.

Jill and William Potter are celebrating the birth of Laura Elizabeth Potter on January 4. Young Laura arrived at Holy Cross weighing 7 lbs., 2 ozs. She has a big sister, Stephanie, 3. The Potter family lives in 30 Court Ridge.

Former Greenbelters Jane and Doug Hawes, now of Dallas, Texas, are pleased to announce that they have a new grandchild. Cody Douglas Mogensen was born on December 15 at Holy Cross. Proud parents are Lori and Rich.

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Morgensen. The new family will live in Laurel. Word is that Jane and Doug came to visit Cody over the Christmas holidays. Welcome all!

Speaking of proud grandparents, Elsie Morin of 3 Court Eastway is very proud of her granddaughter, Julia, who was recently selected as one of the "Outstanding High School Students of America."

Dr. Uttam Chand of Hanover Parkway is proud of his grandson Ameet Achder who also is among the "Outstanding Students of America." Ameet was selected as a new member because of outstanding merit and accomplishments as an American high school student.

Congratulations to Alex Barnes, son of Alexander and Sandra Barnes, who has maintained a 3.9 average at Penn State University where he majors in aeronautical engineering. Alex is in his third year at Penn State and has been on the Dean's List each semester. He is also in the honor's program.

The number of young writers here in Greenbelt is certainly vast. Corita Kate Jones of Ridge Road won first place last fall in the Prince Georges County Write-A-Book contest. (I'm always the last to know.) Her picture story book, Mouse Mischief, highlights the nighttime adventures of three mice siblings as they explore a "neonle's bathroom." Corita, a fifth grade honor student at Glenarden Woods, a TAG magnet school, has won several awards for her writings. A hearty, if belated, tip of the hat to you, Ms. Jones.

After 27 years Janet Parker has returned to Greenbelt to live. "To me, and for me, there is no better place. I would love to hear from you; call me at 474-6668," said Janet.

Ruth Shirt-Porter of State College, Pennsylvania, wishes to be remembered to all her Greenbelt friends.

Marine Pvt. Spencer N. Taylor, son of Shirley A. Tabb of

Edmonston Road, recently reported for duty with 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, Calif. A 1988 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, he joined the Marine Corps in June 1988.

And finally, Pvt. 1st Class Kirk A. Loving has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. He is the son of Ellen Loving of Hanover Parkway.

Golden Age Club

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club will hold its monthly business meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 11 a.m. at the Youth Center. Visitors are welcome.

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